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REA WAR VETS ELECT RANDALL LEON PRESIDENT

GRAY MEETS JUDY GARLAND

PRESENTS SCREEN STAR WITH INVITATION
SIGNED BY 2,000 G. I.'S

Cpl. Gordon Gray recently assisted in the presentation to screen star Judy Garland of a 45-foot petition signed by 2,000 soldiers, inviting the actress to appear at Douglas, Ariz., Army Air Field.

Cpl. Gray and a buddy, S/Sgt. Howard Flynn, took the oversize invitation to Miss Garland while they were on furlough from the field, according to "Flight Pattern", bi-weekly paper published there. The actress lunched with the two soldiers at the studio commissary and promised to do a show at the base as soon as her movie-making schedule allows.

Cpl. Gray was known in REA for his accomplishments in amateur theatricals. In Washington, he created the role of Henry Aldrich at the Cross Roads Theater several years ago. He was editor of the REA Globe prior to his induction.

At present, he is with the Chinese Detachment, teaching English to Chinese air cadets. He is on military furlough from the Co-operatives' Operations Division.

McPHEE TO FLY NEW SHIP

CHOSEN FOR HOSPITAL CONVOY SHIP TRAINING
UPON RETURN FROM SOUTH PACIFIC

Lt. (J.G.) George E. McPhee is one of five Navy men in a group of 600 recently returned from the South Pacific area to be chosen for special instruction in piloting the Navy's big new hospital convoy ships, according to correspondence received (see McPHEE, page 2)

FIRST VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II TO HEAD
ORGANIZATION

Randall Leon, Design and Construction Division, was unanimously elected President of the REA War Veterans Association at the organization's third annual meeting, August 5. This is the first time that the group has named a veteran of World War II as its head.

Divisional representatives were chosen as follows:

A&L, George E. Dillon; Co-op Op., J. Lee McWilliams; Fin., Burtis Upkes; Inf., Robert J. Lambert; D&C, Joseph J. Farmer; Mgt., George Mallett; Tech Stand., A. B. Weaver; and Adm. Ofc., Percy H. Sachs.

President Leon's war experiences are recounted in SPAN, enclosed.

ART FRANK ON SAIPAN

MARINES STILL WRESTING IT FROM JAPANESE
AS REA'ER LANDS

Sgt. Art Frank is now stationed on Saipan Island, having landed there recently while Marines were engaged in operations on the other end of the island.

On military furlough from the Insurance Section, Sgt. Frank says that, after almost two years in the Army, he knows now how it feels to be bombed and shelled.

"Things are getting back to normal now" he writes. "There is an open-air theater showing pictures nearly every night, outside showers, and lights in the tents. We spent some time on the boat before landing and now we're glad to be on solid ground again even if it was once Jap-held. . . . The Marines here have plenty of souvenirs such as Jap rifles, pistols, sabers, and much money, all of which are sold at enormous prices."

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WRITE TO THE REA ROLL CALL

GOING UP

REAers all over the world are climbing the promotional ladder to higher ranks. Here's the latest list. When you get your boost, please drop the Roll Call a line so we can let your fellow servicemen and women know about it. Our address is on page one.

Capt. John W. Scott
S/Sgt. Charlotte Landry
Cpl. George T. Bradbury
Lt. (JG) K. J. Plucknett
S-2/c Fred McVey
Sgt. Broadus V. Brown
Cpl. Bernard Loving

McPHEE (continued)

by his mother-in-law, REAer Elva Bohannon.

Training in operation of the huge unarmed ships will take until next October, Lt. McPhee said. He is now stationed in San Diego, Calif.

S/SGT. CHARLOTTE LANDRY SEES THE SIGHTS IN ITALY

After six months in North Africa, S/Sgt. Charlotte Landry has been sent to Italy, where she has been busy doing the town in her spare time. So far she has seen Mt. Vesuvius and the ruins of ancient Pompeii, been swimming in the Tyrrhenian Sea, and admired Capri (from a distance.)

"We see Westray Boyce occasionally on her inspection tours," former Tech Standardite Landry writes. "She's a busy woman nowadays." (Lt.-Col. Boyce, ex REAer, is on Col. Hobby's staff.)

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COLUMN WRITE

S-2/c W. F. Orndoff will be glad to know that another REAer has at last arrived at Great Lakes Training Station to keep him company. He is S-1/c Julius Strojny, Co. 1646, USNTS, Great Lakes, Ill. . . . We have a ten-page letter from Phil Widman, telling more about his experiences in the invasion. (See Roll Call, July 11.) . . . Bruce Watkins sent Max Rothpletz a highly technical letter concerning oscillographs and ground impedance. Bruce is still down in the South Seas. . . . Sgt. Broadus V. Brown is in charge of one of the Stereocomparagraph Sections at Camp Livingston, La. . . . Can anybody fix our alarm clock? . . . A posy to Gordon Gilmore. He's writing to former staff members Dean Coffman, Rosstand Edwards, Lou Knowles, Leonard O'Donnell, George Walker, Thomas Martin and Al Stern. . . Lt. Harold W. Kelley (with an 'e') is about to forsake bachelorhood. More on this item in an early issue. . . Capt. John F. Atkinson is working on a home-made dishwashing machine in his spare time. . . Can anybody fix our wheel-barrow? . . . Walt Oeltjen, Ray Severine and "Plucky" Plucknett are all in the same class at M.I.T. One more month and they'll be on their way! George Scherzer is due to arrive there soon. . . Lt. Jim Bartolotta now hangs his hat at Camp Pinedale in Fresno. . . The Athletic Association is now conducting its annual membership drive. The AA furnishes us with copies of SPAN, its perky little journal, which we mail with the Roll Call to keep you up-to-date on what's happening on REA's home front.

NOTES

If you'd like to read Rural Electrification News every month, just drop us a line and we'll put you on the mailing list . . . Capt.

John F. Atkinson dropped in just as this issue went to mimeograph.

He's being transferred to California and is connected with installation of electronic equipment in B-29's. . . REAers in England might drop in to see the following:

Mr. L. Rudd, County Secretary, Nat'l Farmers Union, Durham County Branch, Durham, England - and - Mr. J. C. Leslie, Deputy Gen'l Sec'y, Nat'l Farmers Union, 45, Bedford Sq., London, W.C.1. . . They're very much interested in rural electrification. . . Al O'Donnell recently visited Mr. Sandow, Rural Development Engineer of the State-Owned Electrification System in Melbourne, Australia. Al writes that Mr. Sandow is a keen student of rural electrification; invited him to his home for a genuine Australian dinner. . . Watch the Roll Call for more addresses of rural electrification devotees around the world.